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HOUSE BILL NO. 1918

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to higher education course delivery priorities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.1225, to read as follows:

173.1225. 1. Notwithstanding any rule, regulation, or policy of the department of higher education, each community college has the ability to offer lower division courses leading to a certificate or an associate's degree in its district and its service area, even when the district or service area encompasses a portion of a county listed in section 174.010 as part of the college district of a public university.

2. In the absence of mitigating factors, the department of higher education shall assume that the best pathway for delivery of courses leading to a certificate or an associate's degree is through a community college.

3. Mitigating factors for the purposes of subsection 2 are the direct relationship of the certificate or associate's degree to the mission of the public university and the lack of faculty or facilities on the part of the nearest community college to supply the course.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.